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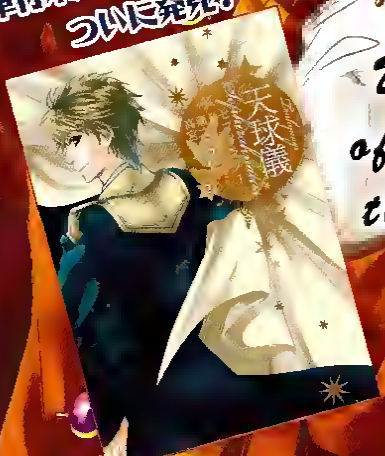

Don't lose sight of the bright light that is courage...

瀬之たつね&高宮あや
SENO TATSUNE & TAKAMIYA AYA

THE TIME FOR THE DECISION IS HERE ...!
YES.
HAVE YOU MADE UP YOUR MIND?
YOU CAME, "EIN SOF".
.....

OH?
I'LL ASK YOU AGAIN
WILL YOU COME TO THE IMPERIAL COURT?
I'M STAYING HERE.
I'M NOT GOING.
I SEE, VERY WELL...

THEN WATCH THIS, "EIN SOF"!
!?
WHA...?!

I'VE DISTORTED THE SPACE
IT SEEMS THAT I NEED TO TAKE MY TIME TALKING TO YOU
WHERE AM I?!
He distorted the space?!

A WALL...?
DAMN IT! I'M LOCKED IN!
IT'S NO USE.
THERE'S NO ESCAPE.

MY ALUMIRA NOTE IS "ZAIN".
IT'S NOT A RARE ART LIKE YOUR POWER.
IT'S A NORMAL ALUMIRA.
BUT...

JUST HOW STRONG ARE THE COURT MAGICIANS??
YOU PROBABLY KNOW THAT THIS ISN'T THE FULL EXTENT OF ITS POWER.
THIS IS THE POWER OF A COURT MAGICIAN.
ARE YOU STILL GOING TO REFUSE OUR PROTECTION AND GUIDANCE?
AREN'T YOU INTERESTED IN
TAKING HOLD OF THE TREMBLING "EIN SOF" AND SEEING THE EXTENT OF ITS POWER?

PURSUE THINGS...
IT IS THE TRUE NATURE OF MAGICIANS TO PURSUE THINGS
WITH REGARD TO OURSELF AND THE WORLD
THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH... ARRIVING AT KNOWLEDGE AND PROVIDENCE....
IT'S NOT AS IF I DON'T DESIRE IT...
BUT...
THAT'S WHY...
IF I CAN'T RUN FROM MYSELF,
I'LL BE THE ONE TO CONFRONT MYSELF.
THEN I'VE GOT TO CONTROL MYSELF!

TCH
THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TO LEARN ABOUT MYSELF HERE!
IT'S NO GOOD IF I USE YOUR STRENGTH TO CONTROL MY POWERS!
THAT'S WHAT CONTROLLING ONESELF MEANS.
YOU REALLY ARE AN AWFUL BOY.
YOU CAN STILL SUMMON YOUR POWER, DESPITE THE PRESSURE I'VE PUT ON YOU...

DAMN YOU!
YOU SAID YOU WOULDN'T USE FORCE!
I'LL TAKE YOU BY FORCE THEN.
OH?
I DON'T REMEMBER
DAMN IT! LET GO!
I REFUSE...
I'M JUST FULFILLING MY DUTY.

TCH... YOU'VE GONE TOO FAR...
KAAAH!
OWW!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
!!
WELL, WELL, IF IT ISN'T THE INSTRUCTOR
IRIE-SENSEI!
YOU'RE FROM NISHIGUMO..

DO YOU KNOW HIM, SENSEI?
YES..
JUST HIS NAME...
?
YOU MAY BE A COURT MAGICIAN, BUT I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE USING SUCH HIGH LEVEL ABILITIES INSIDE THE ACADEMIA
WHAT WERE YOU THINKING?
HE IS A STUDENT OF THE ACADEMIA AND IS UNDER MY PROTECTION
I'D LIKE YOU TO REFRAIN FROM DOING SUCH SELF-ISH ACTS
EXCUSE ME I JUST THOUGHT I'D SHOW "EIN SOF" WHAT ALUMIRA ARTS ARE

SENSEI, I.
!?
DID THE DISTORTED ATMOSPHERE MAKE YOU FEEL UNWELL?
.....
CAN YOU STAND?
WAIT
GO BACK TO THE DORMITORY RIGHT NOW.
HUH?
BUT...
JUST GO BACK.
I'LL DEAL WITH THIS

AH.
I DON'T PARTICULARLY MIND IF YOU FOLLOW HIS INSTRUCTIONS.
THE INSTRUCTOR SEEMS TO HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME.
SENSEI?
HBITO...?

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING, ASITO?
DON'T LAY A HAND ON NANAO.
IKIE OF YONA
NO...
"RESH".
HMM? YOU SEEM TO BE QUITE FOND OF HIM.
EVERYTHING IS GOING FINE.
THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO GET INVOLVED.
EVEN IF THAT PERSON SAYS SO?
YES. THAT'S RIGHT.
GO BACK AND TELL HIM THAT

DON'T GET IN THE WAY OF MY WORK.
HMM...
SO YOU'LL TAKE RESPONSIBILITY, NO MATTER WHAT?
YOU KNOW I COULD NEVER DO THAT
DON'T LOOK DOWN ON "EIN SOF"
I THOUGHT THAT THOSE CLOTHES MEANT YOU HAD BECOME CALMER,
BUT YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE OUR TIME AT THE ACADEMIA
AS IF I WOULD CHANGE!
I WON'T ALLOW ANY MISTAKES
THAT'S WHY I CAME

ABITO... I KNOW THAT PERSON IS IN A HURRY, BUT IT'S NOT THE RIGHT TIME YET.
WE CAN'T BE IMPATIENT NOW AND RUIN EVERYTHING
I CERTAINLY DID WANT TO CONTROL HIS POWER A LITTLE MORE...
BUT HE WON'T DO ANYTHING RECKLESS IN THAT STATE.
AND HE'S GOT CONSIDERATE TEACHER, INSTRUCTOR IRIE, BY HIS SIDE.
WELL, HE DID REJECT MY OFFER,
SO I'LL LEAVE WITHOUT A FUSS.
WELL THEN, EXCUSE ME!
DON'T COME HERE AGAIN!

EVEN YOU KNOW HOW DANGEROUS THAT BOY CAN BE.
NOT EVEN THAT PERSON'S "TAV" COULD RESTRAIN IT.
"MY WORK"...
RIGHT...

I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU THEN.
JUNIOR COURT MAGICIAN, IRIE OF YONA.
I SEE…
IF "RESH" SAYS SO,
THEN IT SHOULD BE ALRIGHT—

"EIN SOF" SEEMS LIKE A DIFFICULT ONE TO HANDLE.
WE CAN'T PUT HIM IN A BAD MOOD AND WAIT ANOTHER HUNDRED YEARS.
I'VE WAITED TOO LONG ALREADY.
I UNDERSTAND. I'LL CONTINUE TO OBSERVE HIM.
YES.
PLEASE DO THAT.
THE COURT MAGICIANS ARE REACTING TO NANAO'S POWER!

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I'm sending you
a single smile...
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Verse 15: The Beginning of the Next (Delilah)
瀬之たつね&高宮あや
SENO TATSUNE & TAKAMIYA-AYA

THE LAWS OF THE LAND BELONG TO THE HUMANS
THE UNIVERSE IS FOUNDED UPON REASON
IT'S THE COURT MAGICIANS!

IT IS THE MAGICIANS WHO MANIPULATE THE TWENTY-TWO LAWS OF THE LAND
THEY LEARN THE REASON OF THE WORLD, AND RULE
AMAZING
IT'S LIKE THIS COUNTRY EXISTS BECAUSE OF THEM

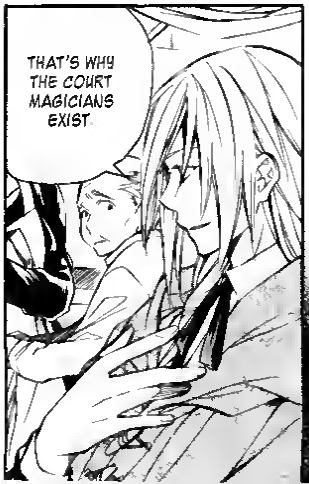
MY, YOU'RE QUITE KNOWLEDGEABLE
IT'S BECAUSE THEY'RE THE ORGANISATION THAT GOVERNS THE 70,000 MAGICIANS IN THIS LAND
I'M JUST A STUDENT, BUT I'M A MAGICIAN TOO
THAT'S IMPRESSIVE!
JUST BEING ABLE TO USE MAGIC SEEMS AMAZING TO US
IT'S LIKE SOMETHING DIVINE
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, RECENTLY THERE WAS SOMEONE WITH INCOMPARABLE POWERS
HMM... WHAT WAS IT CALLED?
RIGHT... IT WAS "EIN SOF" OR SOMETHING...

HMM
THAT NAME SOUNDS PRETTY AMAZING
WHAT...?
THAT STORY..
YOU'VE EVEN HEARD IT HERE?
I JUST HAPPENED TO HEAR IT AT A BAR
THERE ARE ALREADY RUMOURS ABOUT IT...
HMM..
FOR VARIOUS REASONS..
IT'S BEEN TWO HUNDRED YEARS SINCE "EIN SOF" LAST APPEARED
EVEN THE MAGICIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT IT
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF "EIN SOF" WAS YOUR POWER?

A STRONG POWER ISN'T ALWAYS A GOOD THING.
?

BUT IT'S REASSURING TO KNOW THAT SOMEONE POSSESSES SUCH STRONG POWER.
YES, YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT THAT.

WHEN YOU PUT IT LIKE THAT, IT'S FRIGHTENING.


THAT'S WHY THE COURT MAGICIANS EXIST.

ON THE CONTRARY. WHEN SOMETHING BAD HAPPENS,
NO ONE WILL BE ABLE TO STOP IT. JUST LIKE THE TRAGEDY IN THE PAST

I ASPIRE TO BE LIKE THEM.
I GUESS KARAKANE IS WATCHING THE CEREMONY RIGHT ABOUT NOW?

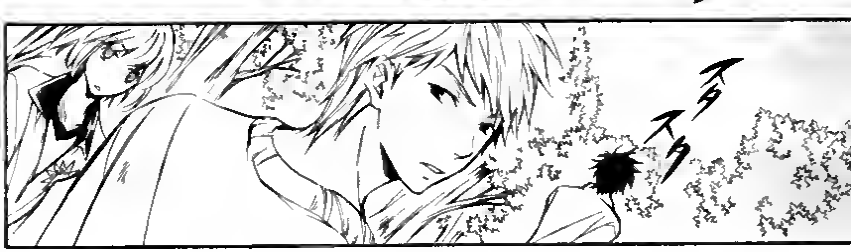
DOING THAT ON THE WEEKEND IS PRETTY STRANGE
JUST WHAT I'D EXPECT FROM THE INSTRUCTORS' REPRESENTATIVE
YOU MUST BE JOKING! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN GOING WITH THE INSTRUCTORS
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO GO TOO?
TO THE IMPERIAL CITY...
AH... NANTEN WENT SHOPPING WITH YURAGI,
WHILE I'M STUCK HERE WITH YOU, KISA!
HOW IS IT MY FAULT?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO DESTROYED MY PERFECT SCHOOL LIFE! I DON'T WANT TO HEAR THAT FROM YOU!

YES!!
NO ONE WAS WOUNDED
YES!!
IT'S AT THE STABLE
CLICK
THE STABLE?

IT'S DANGEROUS, SO ANYONE NOT INVOLVED SHOULD RETURN TO THE DORMITORY
WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED HERE?!
LIKE I'D KNOW! IT LOOKS LIKE IT WAS ATTACKED BY SOME KIND OF CREATURE.

BUT THERE'S NO ANIMAL HERE THAT COULD BEAT A HORSE!
IT'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING BIGGER THAN A DOG THOUGH!
AND NOT JUST ONE ANIMAL!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE? GO BACK TO THE DORMITORY!
INSTRUCTOR!
WHAT HAPPENED?
I JUST GOT HERE TOO, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ELSE
THIS IS THE ACADEMY'S PROBLEM DON'T GET INVOLVED
GET BACK TO YOUR ROOMS! UNDER-STAND?
.....

LET'S GO, KISA!
HUH?!
...



I DIDN'T EXPECT THAT, NANAO.
I THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE FIRST ONE TO GET INVOLVED
I'M NOT ENCOURAGING YOU TO DO BAD THINGS, BUT I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D BACK DOWN THAT EASILY

ふんっ…!
THAT'S BECAUSE IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH.
YOU'RE BEING RATIONAL IN THIS SITUATION?
HOW UNLIKE YOU
I…
I COULDN'T SUMMON MY ALUMIRA NOTE
NO… IT'S OKAY NOW THOUGH.
I COULDN'T GET IT TO TAKE SHAPE AFTER GOING TO KARELIA

SO?
EVEN I GET WEAK TOO
AREN'T YOU SURPRISED?
I THOUGHT IT WAS STRANGE.
IF I TALKED ABOUT IT...
YOU'D WORRY THAT IT WAS BECAUSE OF YOUR INJURY...

THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO TALK ABOUT IT!
OF COURSE! I TOLD YOU IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT!
YOU'RE ALWAYS LAAGAIAG TAIAGS OFF!
YOU NEVER TALK ABOUT THE REALLY IMPOATAAT THINGS!
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO BE?!
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I?
IT'S OKAY NOW
I WAS JUST CONFUSED...
!!

HEY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
BE GRATEFUL IT WAS JUST ONE HIT!
THERE'LL BE EVEN MORE THE NEXT TIME YOU DO SOMETHING STUPID LIKE KEEPING SECRETS!
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO TREATED ME LIKE A CHILDHOOD FRIEND FIRST!
BUT NOW YOU'RE MAKING EXCUSES AND TREATING ME LIKE A STRANGER?
WHAT AM I TO YOU?
Zu''
Z''

KISA!!
BUT... ABOUT AKATSUKI... AND TOASA...
Ahhh! My hand hurts!
.....
.....
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN BETWEEN YOU AND INSTRUCTOR IRIE?
I can't keep secrets...
NANAO?
IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID, SENSEI IS ACTING STRANGE TOO...
THE COURT MAGICIAN AND IRIE-SENSEI KNOW EACH OTHER

WAIT A MINUTE, NANAO
BUT THEY WERE TALKING CASUALLY TO ONE ANOTHER
THAT'S NOT ALL THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO BE GETTING ON WELL
AS IF THEY'D KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR A LONG TIME.
HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?
YOU WERE KEEPING IMPORTANT THINGS A SECRET AGAIN!
AH...
AH
NO IT WAS JUST RECENTLY...
THE COURT MAGICIAN CAME TO THE ACADEMY
Uh oh!
AND I HAPPENED TO SEE HIM TALKING TO SENSEI
JUST HAPPENED TO?
WAIT!
AHH!
I'LL TELL YOU! SO JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME!
I'LL DEFI-NITELY TELL YOU!

MAKE SURE TO TELL ME.
I'M JUST GOING TO GET SOME AIR
I KNOW YOU'RE WORRIED
I'M REALLY... SORRY...
SOMETHING'S HAPPENING BECAUSE OF NANAO WITHOUT ME KNOWING...
NANAO, YOU IDIOT!
DON'T TAKE ON SUCH A BIG THING BY YOURSELF!
THE COURT MAGICIAN AND IRIE-SENSEI...?

COMING THIS FAR AND HANDLING EVERYTHING ON YOUR OWN ISN'T FAIR!
WHILE THEY ARE HAVING DOUBTS ABOUT IRIE, A NEW INCIDENT OCCURS!
A SCREAM?!

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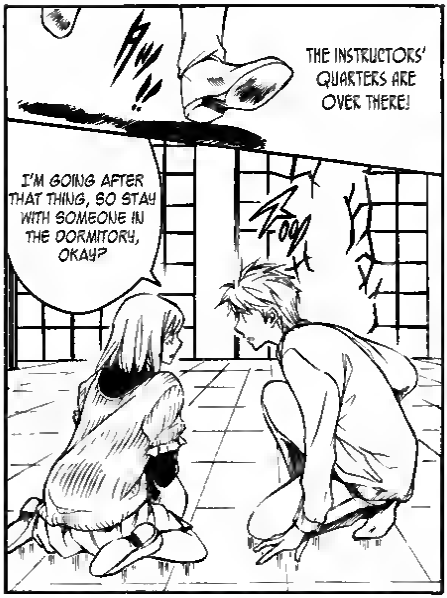
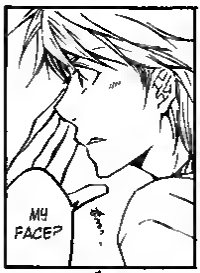
THAT LOOKS BAD...
I WAS...
I WAS IN MY ROOM..
AND THEN...
THIS LITTLE ONE WAS...
BUT I REMEMBERED THAT I LEFT SOMETHING AT THE HALL... SO I WENT TO GET IT...
WHEN I GOT BACK, THE WINDOW WAS SMASHED.....
IT'S THE SAME AS WHAT HAPPENED AT THE STABLE... ISN'T IT?
NO... IT'S NOTHING!
A BIG ANIMAL..
I'M SORRY! IT'S OKAY NOW.
ARE YOU HURT?

WE ARE IN THE ACADEMIA.
IT'S PROTECTED FROM INTRUDERS BY A BARRIER THAT ALSO KEEPS LARGE ANIMALS FROM COMING IN.
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?
ONLY SMALL ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED INSIDE, AND EVEN THEN THEY'RE JUST PETS.
THERE'S NO WAY A BIG...
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
AH...!!

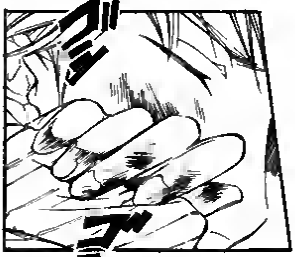
SOMETHING MADE SAIRI GO OUT OF CONTROL BACK THEN.
HE LOST CONTROL OF HIMSELF AND EVEN ATTACKED US.
EXCEPT ONE!
NANAO USED HIS POWER TO CALM THINGS DOWN, BUT WE NEVER KNEW WHY SAIRI TRANSFORMED.
THEN...
IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE SAME THING TO HAPPEN AGAIN!!
KISA-KUN!! BEHIND YOU!!
HUH?

WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?


THE INSTRUCTORS' QUARTERS ARE OVER THERE!
I'M GOING AFTER THAT THING, SO STAY WITH SOMEONE IN THE DORMITORY, OKAY?


MY FACE?

KISA-KUN, YOUR FACE!!



BLOOD...

WHOSE PET WAS IT?!
I'M OKAY.
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
SO...
SAIKI'S IN NANAO'S ROOM. HE'S NOT INVOLVED THIS TIME

YOU'RE ALWAYS LAUGHING THINGS OFF!
YOU NEVER TALK ABOUT THE REALLY IMPORTANT THINGS!
WHAT AM I TO YOU?
KISA...YOU REALLY WERE WORRIED...
.....
KNOCK KNOCK
ゴン
BUT...
KISA?!
ガチャ

OH?
YOU'RE HERE?
レョイッ
SENSEI!
I THOUGHT YOU WOULDN'T BE BEHAVING YOURSELF, SO I CAME TO CHECK UP ON YOU.
THIS IS UNUSUAL
.....
HMM? WHAT HAPPENED TO KISA? WEREN'T YOU TWO TOGETHER?
キョロ
キョロ
ムニュ
ムニュ
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE ALWAYS TOGETHER.
WELL, THAT'S TRUE—

HMM? DID YOU HAVE A FIGHT OR SOMETHING?
I SEE I WAS RIGHT THEN
YOUNG MAGICIANS BEING UNABLE TO CONTROL THEIR ALUMIRA ARTS
ISN'T AN UNUSUAL THING, YOU KNOW?
!!
I'VE KNOWN FOR A LONG TIME THAT ALUMIRA ARTS ARE DIFFICULT TO CONTROL.
IF THE PERSON USING IT PANICS, A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT CAN HAPPEN OR THEY MAY BECOME UNABLE TO USE THEIR ABILITY.

I KNEW IT, YOU'RE...
I ONLY JUST TOLD KISA ABOUT THAT...AND IT WAS THE FIRST TIME I TALKED ABOUT IT!
HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?!
DID YOU THINK I WOULDN'T NOTICE?
YOU DIDN'T USE ALUMIRA ARTS DURING CLASS THE OTHER DAY.

I TOLD YOU BEFORE, IT HAPPENED IN MY BARRIER.
I'M AWARE OF WHAT GOES ON IN THERE.
.....
BUT YOU WEREN'T THERE WHEN IT HAPPENED!
EVEN I CAN BE GOOD SOMETIMES!
THOUGH IT'S STRANGE THAT IT WOULD BE ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU BEHAVE

AH.
SO THAT'S WHAT THE FIGHT WAS ABOUT?
WEREN'T YOU TWO FIGHTING BECAUSE YOU LOST CONTROL OF YOUR POWER AT KARELIA
AND BLAMED YOURSELF FOR KISA'S INJURY?
WE WEREN'T FIGHTING!
IT SHOWS ON YOUR FACE, SO IT'S EASY TO TELL
YOU'RE A WORRIED YOUNG MAN
A FRIENDSHIP DEVELOPED AFTER OVERCOMING A DISPUTE IS A BEAUTIFUL ONE!
I'M GLAD YOU'RE EXPERIENCING YOUTH!
DON'T SETTLE THINGS SO EASILY!

NAWAO IS FEELING TROUBLED.
EVENTS ARE MOVING AT A FASTER PACE.
.....
MY WORRIES ARE DEEPER THAN THAT...
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SENSEI... JUST WHO ARE YOU?
IS IT OKAY FOR ME TO TRUST YOU?
NA-NAO...?
FRIEND-SHIP, HUH?
THEN TELL ME WHAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ABITO IS!
YOU LOOKED LIKE YOU WERE MORE THAN JUST ACQUAIN-TANCES!
IT SEEMED LIKE SOMETHING DEEPER...
AN EXPRESS-ION I HADN'T SEEN...
LIKE HE WASN'T THE TEACHER I KNOW...
Tenkyuugi-Sephirahnatus-

I DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S BOTHERING YOU SO MUCH..
ABITO IS SIMPLY AN ACQUAINTANCE FROM WHEN I WAS A CANDIDATE FOR COURT MAGICIAN.
THAT'S ALL.
FOR VARIOUS REASONS I ENDED UP WHERE I AM NOW...
BUT THAT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO.
HE WAS DESTINED FOR GREATER THINGS AND BECAME A COURT MAGICIAN.
AL-RIGHT,
STAY OUT OF TROUBLE NOW.
I'VE GOT TO CHECK UP ON THE OTHERS
WHETHER YOU ACCEPT IT OR NOT...
THOSE ARE ALL THE ANSWERS I CAN GIVE FOR NOW.
パタン
……

!?
KISA!
カツ
カツ
HONESTLY, ABITO WENT TOO FAR...
INSTRUCT-OR IRIE!
カカカ
KISA-KUN WAS !!
KISA-KUN WAS !!
カカカ

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VERSE 17 NINE WARNING BELLS (NEL)
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Seno Tatsune & Takamiya Aya
STOP!!

IT'S GONE OUT OF CONTROL!!
JUST LIKE SAIRI DID BEFORE!!
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN!!!
I DON'T HAVE A SPECIAL POWER LIKE NANAO DOES,
BUT HE'S CAN MANIPULATE THE AIR!
A REAL BATTLE...
DAMN!

PULL YOURSELF TOGETHER!
パラ…

WAAAH!
SMACK !!

A SCYTHE?
WAAAH!
SQUEAK
A
ぶるぶるぶる
WAHH! I'M SORRY!
I DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE! SORRY!

EVEN I HAD A HARD TIME GETTING TO WHERE I AM NOW.
I'M SURE I CAN MASTER IT!

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ぐっ…
……

KISA!!
ARE YOU AL-RIGHT?!
UH HOW AWFUL.
I'M FINE.
BUT..
THEY..
NO.
IT'S FINE, AS LONG AS YOU'RE NOT HURT

THE COURT MAGICIAN AND IRIE-SENSEI KNOW EACH OTHER
THAT'S NOT ALL. THEY DIDN'T SEEM TO BE GETTING ON WELL.
BUT THEY WERE TALKING CASUALLY TO ONE ANOTHER.
ANYWAY, WHERE DID THAT COME FROM?
INSTRUCTOR
DO YOU KNOW WHAT CAUSED THIS?
.....
AH! NO! IT'S NOTHING!
HMM?
SAIRI?
DO YOU REMEMBER THE INCIDENT INVOLVING SAIRI?
NOW'S NOT THE TIME TO BE WORRYING ABOUT THAT!

AH, YOU MEAN THE THEFTS
OF COURSE I REMEMBER.
SAIRI GREW REALLY BIG AND CAUSED A LOT OF TROUBLE!
I REMEMBER IT WELL.
Uh oh..
AH!
IT CAN'T BE!

YES,
I THOUGHT THE SAME THING MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED
I DON'T KNOW WHAT CAUSED IT THOUGH
I SEE... BECAUSE OF THE DISTURBANCE IN THE INSTRUCTORS' QUARTERS, THE MATTER WAS SETTLED WITHOUT THE CAUSE HAVING BEEN INVESTIGATED
I SHOULD CALL FOR THE OTHER INSTRUCTORS AND THE PRIESTS

I DON'T KNOW WHETHER THAT'S THE REAL REASON,
BUT THERE MIGHT BE SOME CONNECTION
BEATRICE?
HUH?
.....

I KILLED HER!!
IT CAN'T BE!! THAT WAS BEATRICE...
INSTRUCTOR!! IT WAS ME!!
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT..
IT'S THE ACADEMY'S FAULT FOR NOT INVESTIGATING THE CAUSE

BUT...!!
YURA-
GI!!

IT'S OKAY NOW
I'VE HEALED THEIR WOUNDS
THANK YOU, YURAGI
THE WHITE HAND IS AMAZING .
SHE'S STILL WARM
I'M SORRY, I CAN'T HEAL SOMETHING THAT'S ALREADY GONE

SQUEAK
THEN IT SHOULD BE THE SAME...
I CAN'T BELIEVE WHAT HAPPENED TO SAIRI BACK THEN IS HAPPENING AGAIN...
SQUEAK
NANAO?
DIDN'T IP
YEAH
I CANCELLED THAT OUT,
SAIRI WAS AFFECTED BY ALUMIRA ARTS..

BEATRICE ISN'T IN HER ORIGINAL FORM.
WHICH MEANS SHE'S STILL BEING AFFECTED BY MAGIC, RIGHT?
MY ABILITY RENDERS ALL OTHER ALUMIRA ARTS INEFFECTIVE.
IT CANCELS OUT THE EFFECTS OF MAGIC.
ALL OF THEM...
SO IF MAGIC CAUSED HER DEATH,
I CAN CANCEL IT OUT, RIGHT?
!!
NO, NANAO!
OVERCOMING DEATH IS NOT SOMETHING HUMANS SHOULD PURSUE!

I WON'T ACCEPT IT!
BEATRICE MIGHT BE SAVED!
WHY ARE YOU STOPPING ME? SHE'S YOUR PET!
!!
I...!
NO!! NANAO!!

I DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE ANYTHING BECAUSE OF MAGIC
THAT'S WHY I CAME TO THIS ACADEMY!

WAAAAAAH!
HOW WILL NANAO REACT TO THIS SHOCKING INCIDENT?

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WAAAAAH!!
NANAO!!
GO!!

TAP

SLUMP
RETURU!!
YOU IDIOT!!
DO YOU REALISE WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO DO?!
.....
WHY...

.....
DAMN IT!
DAMN IT!
WHY?!
WHY CAN'T I DO IT?!
HUMANS ARE IN-COMPLETE AND IMPERFECT
YOU'RE NOT THE ONLY ONE
NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO WHAT YOU WERE TRYING TO ACHIEVE
THE SAME THING HAS HAPPENED TO MAGICIANS WHO HAVE MADE THEIR MARK ON HISTORY

YOU'RE LECTURING ME SO CALMLY!!
NANAO...
EVEN THOUGH BEATRICE IS DEAD?!
YOU'RE ALRIGHT WITH THIS?!
YOU'RE...
SO...
WHY.
I'M NOT ALRIGHT WITH IT...
THAT'S WHY I'M TELLING YOU THIS
NANAO— HOW MANY TIMES WILL THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN BEFORE YOU UNDERSTAND?
BEATRICE...
.....

DON'T USE YOUR ABILITY THE WRONG WAY!!
LEARN FROM YOUR PAST!!
JUST HOW MANY DEATHS WILL THERE BE BEFORE YOU LEARN?!
MY PAST...?
DEATHS...?
!?
!?
I'M SORRY
IT'S NOTHING
I WAS THE ONE WHO STOPPED BEATRICE
I KILLED HER
!!

I DIDN'T NOTICE THAT IT WAS BEATRICE.
IT WAS ME WHO KILLED HER!! NOT YOU, INSTRUCTOR!!
NO!!
NO ONE NOTICED THAT IT WAS BEATRICE!!
EVEN IF YOU HAD NOTICED, YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO PROTECT YOURSELF!!
THAT DOESN'T CHANGE WHAT I DID...
OINK
DID "EIN SOF" DO THIS?
THAT'S...
BUT STILL...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
NO, IT WAS ME
MY LION DEVOURED IT.
TCH
PLEASE GATHER ALL THE ANIMALS IN THE ACADEMY AND ISOLATE THEM FROM ALUMIRA ARTS! IT'S URGENT!
I'LL EXPLAIN EVERYTHING LATER!!
I'M VERY SORRY, FATHER

TAP
SOMEONE MIGHT GET KILLED AT THIS RATE!
"EIN SOF" WILL BE UNDER CONFINEMENT.
WHEN THE EMERGENCY PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE,
ALL THE PRIESTS AND INSTRUCTORS WILL ATTEND A MEETING.
THAT INCLUDES YOU TOO, INSTRUCTOR IKE.
YES!!
THAT'S ALRIGHT, ISN'T IT?
TWITCH
STAND UP, NANAO OF AKATSUKI
YOU'LL BE UNDER CONFINEMENT FOR A WHILE
NANAO!!

I WAS THE ONE WHO CAUSED THIS!!
NANAO HASN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG!!
WHY, INSTRUCTOR?!
HE'S JUST GOING TO STAY PUT AT THE DORMITORY UNTIL THINGS CALM DOWN.
IRIE..
ハァアアアア…!

ARE YOU OKAY WITH THAT?
THOSE EYES WHICH SEEM AS IF THEY'RE SEEING THROUGH SOMETHING..
GIRLS ARE FRIGHTENING..
PAT
I'M OKAY WITH IT.
TAKE CARE OF KISA.
.....

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT USING MY ATTACK ABILITY WOULD HAVE TURNED OUT THIS WAY, YET..
AT THAT TIME, I WAS JUST THINKING OF TESTING OUT MY POWER, WITHOUT CONSIDERING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT...
IT'S MY FAULT!!
THAT'S NOT TRUE, KISA!!
IF IT HADN'T HAPPENED NOW, SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED EVENTUALLY!!
THE CAUSE IS STILL UNKNOWN, SO IT COULD HAPPEN AGAIN!!
DAMN IT!!

AND
I'M NOT SURE OF THE BEST WAY TO SAY IT,
BUT I DON'T THINK NANAO GETTING CONFINED IS ANY-BODY'S FAULT.
THERE MIGHT BE A BIG PROBLEM WITH THE ABILITY NANAO HAS .
IF NOT, THE INSTRUCTORS ARE ACTING STRANGELY.
SO LET'S THINK ABOUT WHETHER THERE'S SOME-THING WE CAN DO NOW!!
.....
WHAT CAN WE DO...?

I'M SORRY... BEATRICE...
SO... WHAT WAS MISSING...?
I HAVE THAT POWER!!
I KNOW I CAN DO IT!!
WHY COULDN'T I DO IT...?
15:30!!
IT WAS MY FAULT SENSEI HAD TO STOP BEATRICE...
IS "EIN SOF" BEHAVING HIMSELF?
YES, FOR NOW...
WHAT HAPPENED?
!!
COURT MAGI-CIAN, SIR!!
SORRY I'M LATE

HE'S LATE!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE AN INSTRUCTOR WOULD TALK TO ME LIKE THAT.
INSTRUCT-OR IRIE!!
HEY, YOU!!
MY APOLO-GIES,
COURT MAGICIAN, SIR.
SOP
YES
IRIE WILL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS

SOME FORM OF ALUMIRA ARTS CAUSED SMALL ANIMALS TO TRANSFORM AND BECOME UNCONTROLLABLE
SOME FORM OF ALUMIRA ARTS?
WHAT HAPPENED?
INSTRUCTOR IRIE.
.....
THE CAUSE IS UNCLEAR.
THERE WAS NO HARD EVIDENCE THAT ALUMIRA ARTS HAD BEEN USED,
BUT WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER EXPLANATION AT THE PRESENT.
THAT'S STRANGE
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT WITHOUT ANY REASON?
WELL...

HMM...
BUT THE IMPERIAL COURT WASN'T INFORMED?
WE'RE...
WE'RE VERY SORRY!!
WHY WAS THAT?
WE DIDN'T THINK IT WAS SOMETHING THAT BIG!!
ACTUALLY...
THAT WAS THE SECOND TIME WE'VE HAD SUCH A DISTURBANCE
COURT MAGICIAN, SIR.
FINE... I UNDERSTAND THAT.
MAKE SURE TO CARRY OUT AN INVESTIGATION INSIDE THE SCHOOL.
YES, SIR!!
.....
THERE'S SOMETHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN THAT.
I SENSED QUITE A STRONG ACTIVATION,

HE REALLY WENT TOO FAR...
EVEN THOUGH IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO SUCCEED .
BUT I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WOULD TRY TO BRING SOMEONE BACK FROM THE DEAD.

ニヤ
EVEN IF YOU TREAT ME LIKE A TROUBLE-MAKER I CAN'T IGNORE THE ACTIVATION I SENSED.
I WAS SURE YOU HAD JUST RETURNED TO THE IMPERIAL COURT...
SO YOU'RE BACK HERE AGAIN?
TO TELL THE TRUTH, NOT EVEN WE COURT MAGICIANS HAVE A DETAILED UNDER-STANDING OF IT
IT ONLY MANIFESTS EVERY FEW HUNDRED YEARS, SO IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU GET TO SEE VERY OFTEN
NOT ONLY IS "EIN SOF" A POWER THAT'S TOO STRONG FOR HUMAN HANDS,
ARE YOU DISSATISFIED, IRIE OF SHINJA?
REPORT EVERYTHING, NO MATTER HOW SMALL.

I SHOULD BE GLAD THAT IT WAS ONLY ONE ANIMAL THAT WAS HARMED.
NO... ALL I CAN DO IS TO RELUCTANTLY ACCEPT THAT I'M POWERLESS...
OR SHOULD I SAY
REISH...
I'LL TAKE THIS MATTER TO THE IMPERIAL COURT
VERY WELL.
WE'LL CONTACT YOU ABOUT HOW WE INTEND TO DEAL WITH THIS.

!!
!!
THE EXIST-EHCE OF A BOY
WHO HAS TO BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THAT GREAT POWER
NANAO'S EXTREMELY GREAT POWER. THAT IS CONNECTED TO THE THOUGHTS OF MANY OTHER PEOPLE...
IS AN-OTHER TRUTH..

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HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?
YEAH... SORRY, I'M OKAY NOW.
THAT'S GOOD.
I WAS WONDERING WHY THE INSTRUCTOR SAID
"HOW MANY TIMES WILL THIS HAPPEN?" TO NANAO EARLIER
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME NANAO WASN'T ABLE TO CONTROL HIS ABILITY... RIGHT?
SO ISN'T IT STRANGE HE ASKED THAT?

THAT'S WHY I THINK WE SHOULD TRY TO DO WHAT WE CAN!
NANAO...
I'LL TELL YOU, JUST GIVE ME A LITTLE MORE TIME.
I'LL DEFINITELY TELL YOU.
DOES IT HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THAT?
A WATER TRAY?
I SEE, YUI'S SEARCH ABILITY..
WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND SOMETHING WITH MY SEARCH ABILITY.
IT FOUND ME AT THE RUINS, DIDN'T IT?
IT'S CALLED THE ILLUSION BREAKING EYE.
THE ILLUSION BREAKING EYE...

JUST LIKE WE'RE REFLECTED HERE,
WHAT I CAN SEE SHOULD SHOW UP TOO...
HOW-EVER...
WE'VE ONLY STUDIED A LITTLE ABOUT THE MAKE-UP OF THINGS, SO I'M SORRY IF THINGS DON'T GO PROPERLY!!
.....
BUT...
I WANT TO DO SOME-THING TO HELP TOO..
TRY TO DO WHAT WE CAN, HUH?
YOU'RE RIGHT..

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, NANTEN!
OKAY!!
AH, BUT
EVEN IF IT WORKS WE'RE UP AGAINST THE INSTRUCTOR, SO THERE'S A BIG POSSIBILITY HE MIGHT NOTICE
HEY! YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT FIRST!
I'LL TRY MY HARDEST.
I'M WORRIED!!
RIGHT, HERE I GO...
SEARCH FOR THE "REISH" NEARBY

MY RIGHT ARM!!
I'M...
I'M OKAY!!
I CAN CONTINUE
WAAH!
!!
THAT'S....!!
ISN'T THAT THE ROBE WORN BY THE IMPERIAL COURT MAGICIANS?!

IT LOOKED LIKE SENSEI KNEW HIM...
I SEARCHED FOR THE INSTRUCTOR, BUT INSTEAD I FOUND A COURT MAGICIAN...?
HUH?! WHY?!
THAT'S THE IMPERIAL COURT MAGICIAN NANAO WAS TALKING ABOUT?!
OH MY...
THINGS ARE LOOKING BETTER THAN I EXPECTED
I DON'T HAVE TIME TO LISTEN TO YOUR SARCASM!!
YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE THE MATTER TO THE IMPERIAL COURT?!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE IN AGREEMENT WITH IT EARLIER
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD BE!!

INSTRUCTOR?!
INSTRUCTOR IRIE?!
!!
OH NO!!

WERE WE DISCOVERED?!
ARE YOU LISTENING, ABITO?!
DON'T GET SO ANGRY
HAVE YOU GOTTEN SO INVOLVED WITH EIN SOF THAT YOU'VE FORGOTTEN YOUR DUTY?
YOU CAN'T HAVE FORGOTTEN THE TRAGEDY AT AKATSUKI,
IRIE OF YONA
THE TRUTH ABITO IS SPEAKING ABOUT

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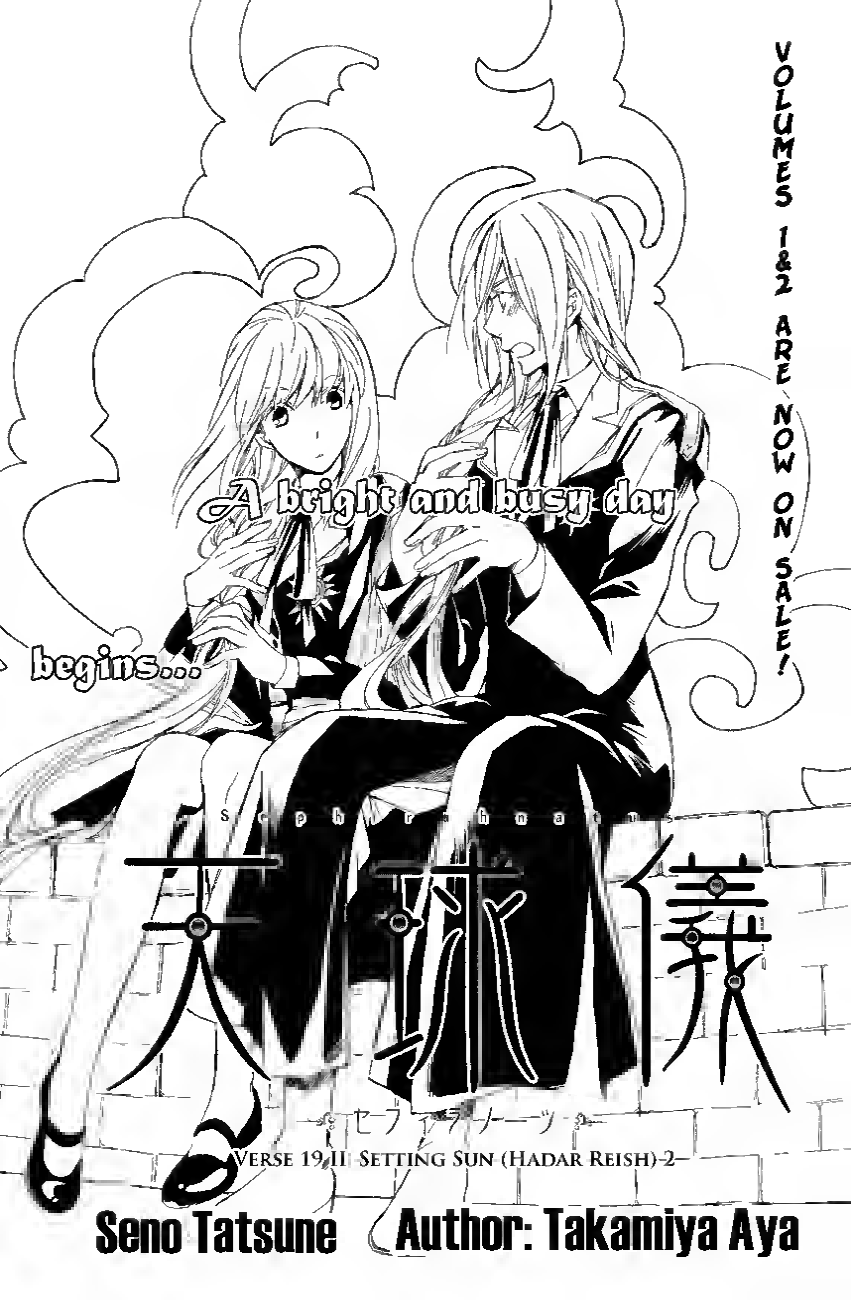
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THE TRAGEDY OF AKATSUKI?
AS IF I COULD FORGET!!
THAT'S WHY I'M HERE!!
YOUR ONLY RELATIVE WAS...
KILLED BY "EIN SOF".
WHAT?!
YOU KNOW WHAT YOU SHOULD DO.
I'M GOING TO DO THINGS MY WAY. DON'T INTERFERE.
THE TRUTH THAT ABITO SPOKE OF...

WELL, WHAT WILL THEY DO?
INSTRUCTOR IRIE'S ADORABLE STUDENTS.
THE INSTRUCTOR IS A COURT MAGICIAN?!
NO, I'VE ONLY READ A LITTLE ABOUT IT IN BOOKS...
HALF OF THE CITY WAS DAMAGED AND SEVERAL PEOPLE DIED.
DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?
THE TRAGEDY OF AKATSUKI...
IT WAS THAT INCIDENT FIVE YEARS AGO, WASN'T IT?

ABITO SAID THAT SOMEONE WAS KILLED BY "EIN SOF"...
SO IS NANAO INVOLVED SOMEHOW?
IS THIS WHAT YOU COULDN'T TELL ME...?
KISA?!
I'M GOING TO TALK TO NANAO!!
NANAO'S BEEN CONFINED IN HIS ROOM...

NANAO!!
IS HE BEHAVING HIMSELF?
SENSEI!!
.....
.....
I DID SOMETHING REALLY TERRIBLE TO YOU AND KISA.
SORRY

NANAO!!
NANAO... WILL YOU LISTEN TO WHAT I HAVE TO SAY?
TSK...
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID "I'M REALLY SORRY", BUT IF IT WAS AN HONEST APOLOGY, THAT'S FINE.
AH!!
INSTRUCTOR IRIE
NO..
KISA!! I...

I HEARD IT..
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH THE BLACK HAIRED COURT MAGICIAN..
SHOULD I CALL YOU "SIR COURT MAGICIAN"?
BLACK HAIR.. YOU MEAN ABITO?
.....
I SEARCHED FOR YOU
WITH YUO'S ILLUSION BREAKING EYE
WHA.
SENSEI'S NOT A COURT MAGICIAN
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

NO...
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE I TAUGHT THEM CORRECTLY THAT THEY WERE ABLE TO ACT ON THEIR OWN.
はは
DON'T CHANGE THE SUBJECT!!
YOU GOT ME... I CAN'T BELIEVE I DIDN'T NOTICE A STUDENT
I'VE FAILED AS AN INSTRUCTOR
YOUR OLDER BROTHER DIED FIVE YEARS AGO IN AKATSUKI!!
HE WAS INVOLVED IN AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT ...
FIVE YEARS AGO...

AKATSUKI!!!
YOU KNEW ABOUT NANAO!!
RIGHT FROM THE START!!
IT WAS ALSO YOU WHO TORE A PAGE FROM THE REGISTER, RIGHT?
.....
YES, IT WAS..
SENSEI?!
MY BLOODLINE AND PERSONAL HISTORY AS A MAGICIAN ARE WRITTEN THERE.
I DIDN'T WANT NANAO TO SEE THAT..
BUT YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH NANAO!!

IT DOES HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH HIM.
INSTRUCTOR IRIE IS A COURT MAGICIAN...
HIS OLDER BROTHER DIED AT AKATSUKI
NANAO!..
TOASA IS...
MY OLDER BROTHER...

THAT MAN WAS DISPATCHED BY THE IMPERIAL COURT TO OBSERVE YOU
BUT YOU...!!
NANAO TRUSTED YOU!!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING TO DO WITH NANAO?!
WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE ARE YOU SPOUTING?!
IRIE-SENSEI DID?
HE LURED YOU AWAY AND TRIED TO SUPPRESS YOUR ABILITY
BUT HE IGNORED THAT RESPONSIBILITY AND TRIED TO KEEP YOU FOR HIMSELF
BECAUSE YOUR ABILITY IS TOO DANGEROUS.

COME, NANAO!!
OR WILL YOU STAY WITH THAT MAN?
NANAO!! YOU MUSTN'T GO!!
.....
WHA!!
THE IMPERIAL COURT HAS DECIDED THAT THE "EIN SOF" CANNOT BE IGNORED
YOU HAVE JUST BEEN SUMMONED TO A TRIAL
NANAO OF AKATSUKI
I'M.
THAT'S WHY TOASA WAS ALSO KIND TO ME?
NANAO!!
BECAUSE I'M "EIN SOF"..?

NANAO!!

NANAO LEAVES WITH ABITO.
THE ONES WHO ARE LEFT BEHIND WILL...

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NANAO!!

KISA!!
WAIT!!
ABITO!!

NANAO!!
KISA?
DAMN IT!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

HAVE YOU SEEN NANAO?!
KARA-KANE!!
NO...
I HAVEN'T...
.....
KISA?
WHAT?!
NANAO WAS TAKEN AWAY BY AN IMPERIAL COURT MAGICIAN?!
A FOR-BIDDEN SPELL?
NANAO USED ONE?
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!

THE IMPERIAL COURT MAGICIANS ARE THE FOUNDATION OF THIS COUNTRY!!
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW MUCH TROUBLE HE CAUSED! THEY'RE PUTTING A STUDENT ON TRIAL?!
BUT IT'S THE TRUTH.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF INSTRUCTOR IRIE, WHO YOU RESPECT SO MUCH, WAS A COURT MAGICIAN TOO?
WHA!!
KISA!! YOU SHOULD KNOW THERE ARE SOME THINGS YOU JUST CAN'T SAY!
YOU SHOULDN'T MENTION THEIR NAMES SO CASUALLY!
I'LL TELL YOU THE REST...
INSTRUCTOR IRIE?
IT'S TRUE, KARAKANE..

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN MY BROTHER, NANAO AND I...
INSTRUCTOR IRIE...
I KNOW YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT THAT RIGHT NOW,
BUT WILL YOU LISTEN TO MY STORY?
WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

KARAKANE, I...
THUMP
月ン!
THUD

I'M GOING TOO.
YOU'RE GOING TO WHERE NANAO IS, AREN'T YOU?
キッ
!!
MY ABILITY WILL BE USEFUL.
NO.
YOU CAN'T!! STAY AT THE ACADEMY!!
YURAGI?!
I WANT TO SEE THINGS FOR MYSELF

GET ON!!
IF YOU'RE GOING TO THE ROYAL CITY, THEN YOU'LL NEED MY HELP
NOT AS AN INSTRUCTOR, BUT AS A COURT MAGICIAN...
INSTRUCTOR!!
IRIE!!

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, KISA?
SLAM
.....
YURAG!!!

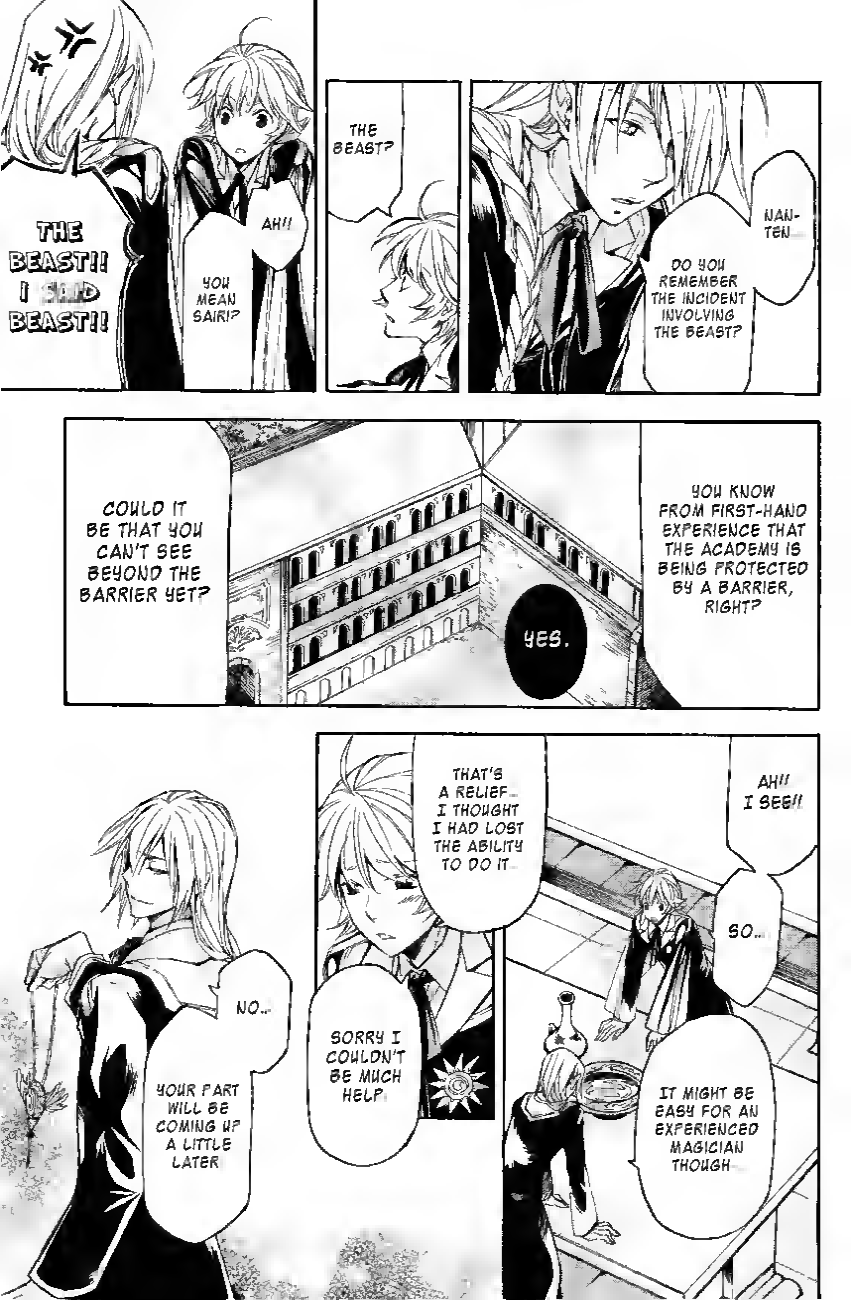
THEY'RE SO MEAN!!
WHY DID THEY LEAVE ME BEHIND?!
I WANTED TO GO TOO!!
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY WENT WITHOUT TELLING ME!!
I THOUGHT WE WERE FRIENDS!!
I DIDN'T THINK YURAGI AND THE INSTRUCTOR WOULD GO TOO

WHA!!
OR CAN'T YOU DO ANYTHING ON YOUR OWN?
I HATE THAT KIND OF THING.
YOU'VE DONE NOTHING BUT COMPLAIN THIS ENTIRE TIME
IF YOU FEEL THAT WAY, THEN WHY NOT TRY AND DO WHAT YOU CAN?
YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND MY FEELINGS, KARAKANE!!
NO, AND I DON'T WANT TO UNDERSTAND THEM EITHER!!
YOU WERE THERE, WEREN'T YOU?
YOU KNOW HOW SERIOUS THE SITUATION IS, DON'T YOU?
DON'T YOU THINK THEY LEFT WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING IN ORDER FOR YOU NOT TO GET INVOLVED?

AT LEAST I THOUGHT KISA WAS THAT TYPE OF GUY,
AM I WRONG?
WELL...
KARAKANE'S RIGHT...
THAT'S WHY
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN HERE TOO.
IS THAT ALRIGHT? KISA...
KARA-KANE, I...
I'M GOING TO THE ROYAL CITY!!
I'M NOT GOING TO TELL YURAGI AND NANTEN, SO CAN YOU EXPLAIN IT TO THEM?
AH!

RIGHT THEN, I'LL BE GOING
AH!!
WAIT!!
FOR YURAGI!!!
I'M DOING THIS FOR YURAGI!!
LET ME SAY THIS SO THERE WON'T BE ANY MIS-UNDER-STANDING.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE FRIENDS!!
THAT'S RIGHT, THERE IS SOMETHING THAT ONLY I CAN DO!!
PLEASE!!
WHAT I CAN DO...
COME WITH ME AFTER CLASS!!

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING.
SOMETHING I CAN DO RIGHT HERE AND NOW!!
WAIT A MINUTE!!
I'LL TRY AGAIN!!
OH?
OH?
WE COULD SEE IT CLEARLY YESTERDAY THOUGH!!
!!
IT'S NO GOOD...
MAYBE I'M NOT CONCEN-TRATING ENOUGH...


THE BEAST!! I SAID BEAST!!
AH!! YOU MEAN SAIRI?
THE BEAST?
NAN-TEN... DO YOU REMEMBER THE INCIDENT INVOLVING THE BEAST?
COULD IT BE THAT YOU CAN'T SEE BEYOND THE BARRIER YET?
YES.
YOU KNOW FROM FIRST-HAND EXPERIENCE THAT THE ACADEMY IS BEING PROTECTED BY A BARRIER, RIGHT?
NO... YOUR PART WILL BE COMING UP A LITTLE LATER
SORRY I COULDN'T BE MUCH HELP.
THAT'S A RELIEF... I THOUGHT I HAD LOST THE ABILITY TO DO IT.
AH!! I SEE!!
SO...
IT MIGHT BE EASY FOR AN EXPERIENCED MAGICIAN THOUGH...

THAT'S THE NECKLACE BELONGING TO THE INSTRUCTOR'S REPRESENTATIVE...
THIS IS AN ACADEMY FOR THE EDUCATION OF MAGICIANS, SO IT WOULDN'T BE STRANGE FOR IT TO HAVE CONNECTIONS WITH THE COURT MAGICIANS.
I'M CURIOUS ABOUT WHY INSTRUCTOR IRIE CONCEALED HIS IDENTITY AND CAME HERE...
HIS CONNECTION WITH NANAO TOO.
IT WAS INSTRUCTOR IRIE'S OLDER BROTHER WHO DISCOVERED NANAO'S POWER.
BOTH THE INSTRUCTOR AND HIS BROTHER WERE COURT MAGICIANS...
IT WOULD BE NATURAL TO THINK THAT INSTRUCTOR IRIE HAD BEEN OBSERVING NANAO ALL THIS TIME...

.....
HE THOUGHT THEY HAD BEEN KIND TO HIM BECAUSE HE WAS "EIN SOF"...
NANAO WAS SHOCKED.
SO OBSERVING NANAO WASN'T AN ORDER FROM THE IMPERIAL COURT THEN?
THAT MAKES THINGS EVEN MORE CONFUSING
BUT THE INSTRUCTOR REJECTED THE IMPERIAL COURT'S REQUEST FOR A TRIAL, DIDN'T HE?
I'D LIKE TO GO INTO THE REFERENCE LIBRARY
I hadn't thought about it that much!!
KARAKANE REALLY IS AMAZING!!
I'M SORRY, YOU CAN'T GO IN BECAUSE THE PRIESTS ARE USING IT
IT'S AS IF...
THE MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL COURT ARE FIGHTING EACH OTHER FOR CONTROL OF NANAO...

THE PRIESTS...?
KARA-KANE?
.....
I KNOW THAT!! THEY SUMMONED US HERE.
WE'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY ONCE WE'RE DONE.
HUH?!
HUUUUH?!
HEY! WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT, KARAKANE?!
BEHIND KARAKANE'S COMPELLING SMILE ..

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EHHH?!
OF COURSE NOT. I COULD BE PUNISHED FOR IT
WAS IT OKAY TO DO THAT?
BUT KARAKANE, THEN YOU'LL...
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING HERE.
IN THIS SITUATION, I'LL USE ANYTHING I CAN
THE TWO OF THEM SNEAK IN.
KARA-KANE!!
YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO SAY ANYTHING ABOUT IT
I DECIDED TO DO THIS MYSELF, SO IT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY

THANK YOU!!
IT'S NOT FOR YOU, ALRIGHT!!
I SAID IT'S FOR YURAGI!!
EVEN SO, I'M STILL HAPPY!
YOU'RE SO ANNGY-ING!!
IT'S OPEN...
HOW CARE-LESS!!
JUST WHAT ARE THE INSTRUCTORS THINKING?!
?

ISN'T THIS BAD...?
EVEN THOUGH WE WERE TOLD NOT TO GO IN...

THERE'S NO ONE HERE?
KARA-KANE?!

I THINK IT'S A BIG PROBLEM THAT THEY LEFT LEAVING THE DOOR OPEN...
IF YOU DON'T LIKE IT, I'LL GO BY MYSELF. YOU STAY THERE.
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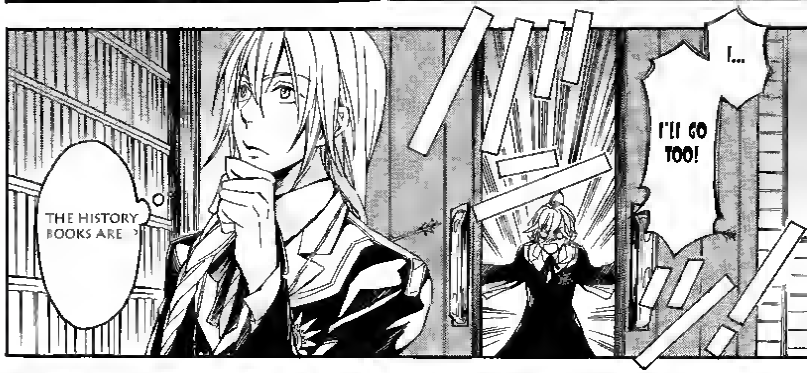
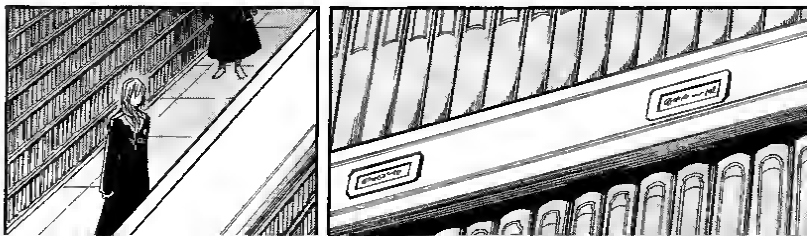

I...
I'LL GO TOO!
THE HISTORY BOOKS ARE...



SORRY, BUT I NEED TO CONCENTRATE, SO BE QUIET FOR A WHILE.
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?
AROUND HERE...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING THERE?!
GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW
YOU KNOW NORMAL STUDENTS AREN'T ALLOWED IN HERE, DON'T YOU?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, INSTRUCTOR?
あわわわわ…
KA-!!
KAKA KANE!!
THERE WAS AN INSTRUCTOR HERE!!

AN INSTRUCTORS' REPRESENTATIVE?
YES!!
I'VE GOT PERMISSION TO BE HERE THOUGH
ISN'T THIS STRANGE? I'M SURE THAT WHAT AN INSTRUCTORS' REPRESENTATIVE IS ALLOWED TO DO IS WRITTEN IN THE SCHOOL REGULATIONS...
AND THAT ANYONE BELOW A PRIEST'S RANK DOESN'T HAVE THE RIGHT TO OVERRULE THAT, CORRECT?
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD AT LEAST
YOU HAVE QUITE A WAY WITH WORDS, BOY!!
NEVERTHELESS, ABSOLUTELY NO ONE IS ALLOWED IN THERE RIGHT NOW!!
LEAVE HERE IF YOU DON'T WANT TO BE PUNISHED!!
.....

.....
ALRIGHT
LET'S GO, NANTEN
WHO KNOWS ? IT SEEMS LIKE THERE'S SOMETHING THEY WANT TO HIDE FROM US
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?!
WELL...I WASN'T PLANNING ON LEAVING EMPTY HANDED
WE HAVE AN EMERGENCY TO ATTEND TO, AS WELL
AHHH!!!

KARA-KANE!!
Are you mad?
EVEN THOUGH THERE WAS NO NEED FOR HIM TO STOP US, WE LISTENED TO WHAT HE SAID AND GOT OUT OF THERE.
IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM IF WE MAKE SURE TO RETURN IT LATER.
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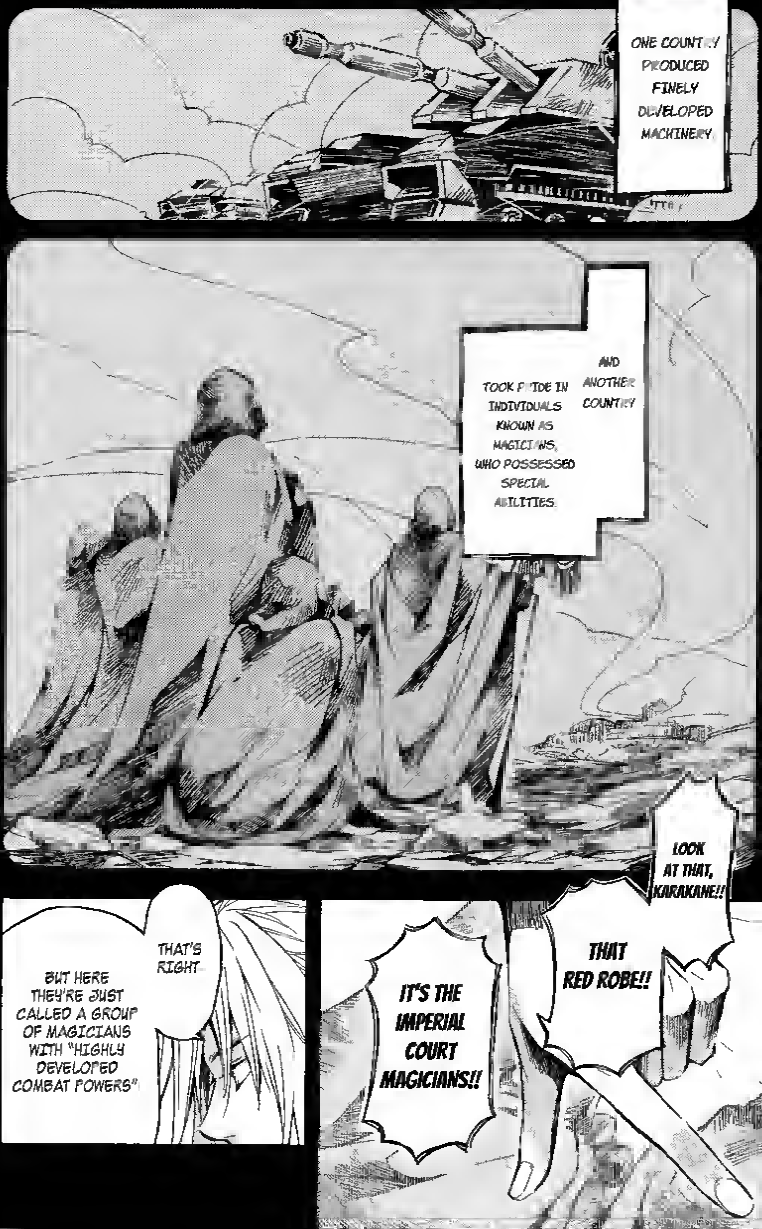
IF YOU DO SOME-THING LIKE THAT...!!
LET'S GO TO YOUR ROOM!
HUH?! MY ROOM?!
MY ROOM IS SACRED, YOU SEE
THIS IS WRITTEN IN AN ANCIENT LANGUAGE, ISN'T IT?
CAN YOU READ IT, KARAKANE?
WELL,
I HOPE THIS IS THE RIGHT ONE

I THINK SO... I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO FIND A TRANSLATED VERSION
COULD I BORROW A DICTIONARY?
OKAY!!
THE TITLE IS...
"THE WHITE MAIDEN"...?
ONCE THERE WERE SEVEN COUNTRIES
MANY OF THE COUNTRIES FOUGHT TO PROVE THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH
ONE COUNTRY TOOK PRIDE IN THE STRENGTH OF ITS ARMY


ONE COUNTRY PRODUCED FINELY DEVELOPED MACHINERY.
AND ANOTHER COUNTRY TOOK PITCH IN INDIVIDUALS KNOWN AS MAGICIANS, WHO POSSESSED SPECIAL ABILITIES.
LOOK AT THAT, KARAKANE!!
THAT RED ROBE!!
IT'S THE IMPERIAL COURT MAGICIANS!!
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT HERE THEY'RE JUST CALLED A GROUP OF MAGICIANS WITH "HIGHLY DEVELOPED COMBAT POWERS".

AH!!
HERE!!
THERE'S "EIN SOF"!!

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KARAKANE DOESN'T KNOW YET...
THIS POWER IS...!!
"EIN SOF" MAKES ALL OTHER ALUMIRA ARTS INEFFECTIVE
IT CAN NEGATE ALUMIRA ARTS, EVEN WITH SLIGHT CONTACT
AH!! NOTHING!!
I JUST THOUGHT IT SEEMED AMAZING...
NANTEN?
BECAUSE OF THAT, THERE WASN'T A SINGLE CASUALTY ON ANY BATTLEFIELD HE WALKED ONTO
SO IT PARTIALLY RESETS THE EFFECTS OF MAGIC AND CAN CREATE A NEW REALITY?

BUT THAT MEANS.. NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL IT IS, IF THE EFFECTS OF ALUMIRA ARTS AREN'T PRESENT..
THEN IT'S COMPLETELY POWERLESS?
THAT'S NAIVE
IN THIS WORLD, THERE'S ALMOST NOTHING THAT HASN'T BEEN AFFECTED BY ALUMIRA ARTS
EVEN THIS DICTIONARY HAS BEEN AFFECTED
SO THAT MEANS IT CAN DO ANYTHING?
EXACTLY..
HUHH?! THAT'S CRAZY!
AH!!
IT SEEMS THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING HE COULDN'T DO
OVERCOMING DEATH
OVERCOMING DEATH?!

BEATRICE!!
"HE COULDN'T BRING BACK SOMEONE WHO HAD DIED"
THAT'S WHAT IT MEANS
NOT EVEN "EIN SOF" COULD DO IT... SO WHY WAS IT NECESSARY TO MAKE IT A FORBIDDEN SPELL?
BUT HAON'T THAT ALWAYS BEEN A FORBIDDEN SPELL?
BECAUSE OF THAT, NANAO...
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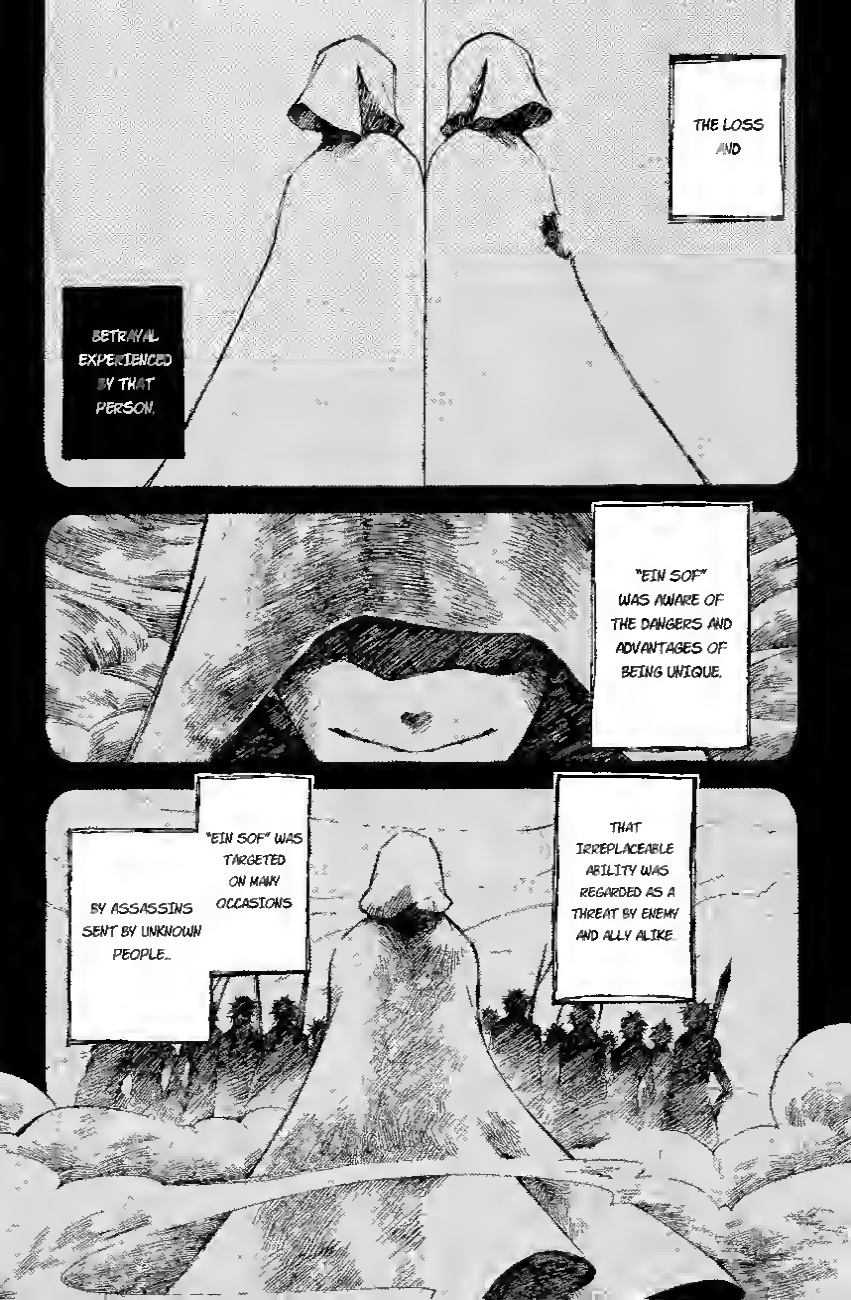
THERE'S STILL MORE
THE DANGERS OF ONE PERSON POSSESSING A LIMITLESS AND POWERFUL SKILL...?


THE LOSS AND
BETRAYAL EXPERIENCED BY THAT PERSON.
"EIN SOF" WAS AWARE OF THE DANGERS AND ADVANTAGES OF BEING UNIQUE.
"EIN SOF" WAS TARGETED ON MANY OCCASIONS
BY ASSASSINS SENT BY UNKNOWN PEOPLE...
THAT IRREPLACEABLE ABILITY WAS REGARDED AS A THREAT BY ENEMY AND ALLY ALIKE.

JUST CREATE COPIES OF HIS ABILITY!!
WHAT SHOULD HE DO?!
THE ANSWER WAS SIMPLE
USING HIMSELF AS A SAMPLE,
"EIN SOF" SECRETLY BEGAN TO RESEARCH AND DEVELOP AN AUTOMATON WITH THE SAME POWERS AS HE HAD
AN AUTOMATON?!
THEY'RE COMING CLOSER TO THE TRU-!

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VERSE 22: SHIROSODE (MERGITTE)
FIVE DOLLS WERE CREATED
天使伝説
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THE WHITE, HEALING HAND

IT'S BASED ON A THEORY DIFFERENT FROM YOUR MAGIC.
I AM THE WHITE HAND.
THAT'S WHO I AM.
IT'S YURAGI!!

THERE'S NO WAY THAT'S POSSIBLE...
THIS HAS GOT TO BE A JOKE, RIGHT?
HE SUCCEEDED IN TRANSFERRING THE UNIQUE ABILITY OF "EIN SOF" TO AN AUTOMATON?!

THE UNIQUE CHARACTERISTIC OF THOSE ABILITIES IS THE SAME SO IT'S POSSIBLE
BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER IT HAS

THAT MEANS... IT CAN DO THINGS LIKE...
HEALING INJURIES CAUSED BY ALUMIRA ARTS ..

I DON'T KNOW..
THERE'S MORE, BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS THIS BOOK GOES
YURAGI IS A COPY OF "EIN SOF"...?
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT DOLL AND THE "EIN SOF" WHO CREATED HER AFTER THE WAR...
I SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT A FEW MORE.. HOW COULD I..
!!
WE'D STILL BE BREAKING THE RULES, NO MATTER HOW MANY WE TOOK
GRAB
KARA-KANE!!
WHY DON'T WE GO BACK THERE AND READ THE NEXT PART?

NAATEN?
THIS IS ABOUT YURAGI!! I KNOW IT...
BUT...
I SHOULDN'T BE THE ONE TO TELL HIM...
BECAUSE KARAKANE LIKES YURAGI...
WELL, I LIKE HER TOO

UGHH!
BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN KEEP QUIET WHILE KNOWING THIS!!
I KNEW HER FROM THE BEGINNING AND BEGAN TO LIKE HER...
SHUT UP!!
SO...
SORRY
AAA!!
YURAGI CALLED HERSELF A THING...
DOES THAT MEAN SHE WAS CREATED?
EVEN THOUGH... SHE'S NO DIFFERENT FROM US?

KARA-KAWE?
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THAT'S!!

I THOUGHT THAT I SHOULD REPORT THAT IRIE IS HEADED YOUR WAY
THE WHITE SONGSTRESS APPEARS TO BE WITH HIM
AND
HE'S TALKING ABOUT THE INSTRUCTOR AND YURAGI!!
WHY?!
THE SAME ABILITY AS MINE!!
THAT'S A TRUE YUD!!
YES...

IT SEEMS THAT TWO STUDENTS WERE RESEARCHING SOMETHING IN THE REFERENCE LIBRARY,
BUT I CHASED THEM AWAY EARLIER
THAT'S THE MAN FROM EARLIER!!
YES...
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I'LL CONTINUE THE OBSERVATION.
WHAT?!
OBSERVATION?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!

YOU NEED MORE EXERCISE!
I'M...
I'M... SORRY...
BUT YOU STARTED RUNNING SUDDENLY...
WE WOULD'VE BEEN CAUGHT IN NO TIME IF WE HAD STAYED THERE
I DON'T WANT ANY TROUBLE
I WAS SURE THAT...
INSTRUCTOR IRIE WAS ORDERED BY THE IMPERIAL COURT TO OBSERVE THE SITUATION
BUT DOES THIS MEAN INSTRUCTOR IRIE IS BEING OBSERVED TOO?
I WONDER...
KARA-KANE!!

LEAVE THIS TO ME!!
AS LONG AS IT'S INSIDE THE SCHOOL, THEN I CAN DO SOME-THING!!
PLEASE LET ME!!
MY ABILITY!!
IT'LL HELP EVERYONE THIS TIME!!
FUU...
FUU...
OF COURSE
ALRIGHT!!

THE COURT MAGICIANS...
THE COURT MAGICIANS SHIELD THIS COUNTRY! THERE'S NO WAY THAT COULD HAPPEN!
WE WON'T ALLOW THAT!!
ORGANISED A COUP D'ETAT?!
THE ROYAL CITY IS IN A STATE OF EMERGENCY
I'D LIKE YOU TO LISTEN CALMLY.
CALM DOWN.
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!
FATHER!! DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING?!
THE COURT MAGICIANS HAVE ORGANISED A COUP D'ETAT.

WHAT WAS THAT?!
I DON'T KNOW!! IT WAS BROKEN BY A STRONG FORCE!!
WAAH!!
HE HE
HE HE
ARE YOU ALL HERE?
HOW CONVE-NIENT

THE PRESIDENT?
PRESIDENT!!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
ALL THE COURT MAGICIANS AGREED TO THIS?!
JUST WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?!
IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME.
I HAVE A REQUEST FOR YOU ALL.
HE HE HE HE
DON'T GET SO ANGRY
WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO COOPERATE WITH US
WE SIMPLY DON'T WANT YOU TO CAUSE ANY UNNECESSARY TROUBLE
YOU JUST HAVE TO GO ABOUT YOUR DAILY LIVES AS USUAL.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT TO DO, IS IT?
HE HE
HE HE
I MIGHT HAVE JUST SURPRISED YOU BY BRINGING IT UP SO SUDDENLY
HAHAHA! PRIDE AS THE SHIELD?
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR PRIDE AS THE SHIELD OF THIS COUNTRY?!
WE'RE TAKING THIS ACTION BECAUSE THERE'S A RESPONSIBILITY WE MUST BEAR
IT'S ALL FOR THE SAKE OF THIS COUNTRY! CAN'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

AH. THAT'S RIGHT.
MAKE SURE YOU DON'T FORGET THIS.
"EIN SOF" IS IN OUR HANDS.
HE HE
HE HE
AND
DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE NOT TO USE THE POWERS WE POSSESS?
AN UNUSED POWER IS MEANINGLESS
NANAO IS ABOUT TO BECOME THE ACE UP THEIR SLEEVE?!

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VERSE 23 PALACE OF CREATION (CULMINATION)

Seno Tatsune & Takamiya Aya

ARE YOU SAYING HE'S A HOSTAGE?!
DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT
HE'S JUST A GUEST THAT'S ALL
WELL...EVEN THOUGH HE'S OUR GUEST,
WE STILL HAVE TO APOLOGISE FOR KILLING THOSE POOR ANIMALS.
BUT PLEASE DON'T MISUNDERSTAND
HE DID ALL THIS?!
"EIN SOF" IS VERY IMPORTANT, SO WE NEED TO MAKE SURE HE RECEIVES A WARM WELCOME.
THE TRUTH SPOKEN BY THE LEADER OF THE IMPERIAL COURT MAGICIANS...

HOW CRUEL!!
I JUST HASTENED THE BREAKING DOWN OF A BARRIER THAT WAS ALREADY UNSTABLE...
THAT'S ALL.
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THE REST WAS ALL HIS DECISION.
FOR BETTER OR WORSE, IT'S THE RESULT OF HIS ACTIONS, RIGHT?
JUST SO THEY COULD TAKE NANAO AWAY?!
hehe
hehe
PERHAPS I'VE SAID TOO MUCH.
WELL, I HOPE THAT YOU WILL RESPOND WISELY.

WHAT DO YOU INTEND TO DO, FATHER?
DOING THINGS LIKE THAT...IS JUST CRUEL..
SO THOSE ARE THE COURT MAGICIANS I RESPECTED AND ADMIRED...?!
THIS IS RIDICU-LOUS!!
WHILE "EIN SOF" IS AT THE IMPERIAL COURT, OUR ACTIONS ARE LIMITED.
WE'LL JUST HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT NO HARM COMES TO "EIN SOF"...

NAN-TEN?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?! ALL THOSE IMPORTANT PEOPLE MEETING AND TALKING ABOUT NOTHING BUT "EIN SOF"...
HE'S NOT "EIN SOF"!!
HE'S NANAO OF AKA-TSUKI!!!
A STUDENT AT THE EASTERN ACADEMIA!!
WE'VE GOT TO SAVE NANAO!!

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IT LOOKS MORE ORDINARY THAN I THOUGHT...
ALTHOUGH THIS IS THE PALACE OF CREATION, THE OUTER BUILDINGS ARE JUST ORDINARY GOVERNMENT OFFICES
WHEN YOU REACH THE INNER BUILDINGS, IT LOOKS MORE LIKE MAGICIANS' HEADQUARTERS
DON'T BE SO SURPRISED BY IT. YOU'RE A MAGICIAN TOO
YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE HERE

NANAO WOULDN'T BE SO SHY IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
BUT I DON'T FEEL COMFORT-ABLE
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I JUST CAN'T KEEP CALM IN A PLACE LIKE THIS.
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IT'S TRUE IT LOOKS MORE IMPRESSIVE HERE

THE INSTRUCTOR REALLY IS A COURT MAGICIAN...
KISA?
NO, IT'S NOTHING!
INSTRUCT-OR?!
IT WAS REPELLED...
THE MAGICAL KEY I HAVE NO LONGER WORKS.
IT SEEMS THAT THEY DON'T WANT ME TO GO ANY FURTHER

HMM.
THIS IS AN IRRESPONSIBLE AND UNHELPFUL THING FOR A TEACHER TO SAY.
WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO ESCAPE IF THINGS STARTED TO LOOK DANGEROUS?
BUT I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHAT'S BEYOND THIS DOOR.
I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO PROTECT OR LOOK OUT FOR YOU.
JUST KNOW THAT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN PROTECT YOURSELVES.

I UNDERSTAND
I'LL PROTECT YURAGI TOO
.....
RIGHT NOW, RESCUING NANAO IS OUR PRIORITY, SO I WANT TO CAUSE AS LITTLE TROUBLE AS POSSIBLE
IT'S ALRIGHT, KISA I WAS BORN TO PROTECT ANYWAY
I'M GLAD THAT YOU'RE BOTH WELL-BEHAVED STUDENTS
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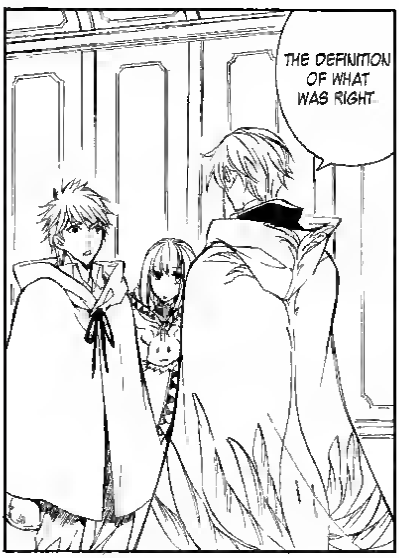
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, INSTRUCTOR?!
IF IT'S NOT GOING TO OPEN,
I'LL FORCE IT OPEN!!
THE KEY ITSELF IS NOT PARTICULARLY STRONG.

I THOUGHT HE WANTED TO CAUSE AS LITTLE TROUBLE AS POSSIBLE?!
AT THE PALACE OF CREATION, THE IMPERIAL COURT MAGICIANS HAVE FORMED TWO SEPARATE FACTIONS
EH?!
ONE FACTION IS TRYING TO CONTROL THE WORLD WITH THEIR OVERWHELMING POWER BY USING ALUMIRA ARTS TO THEIR FULLEST EXTENT.
THE OTHER FACTION ONLY USES THEIR ABILITIES WHEN NECESSARY AND TRIES TO LIVE IN HARMONY WITH THE WORLD.
SO WHICH ONE TOOK NANAO?
THE FIRST ONE, OF COURSE.

I WAS FRIENDS WITH ABITO DURING MY TIME AT THE ACADEMY,
BUT EVEN THEN WE DISAGREED ABOUT A LOT OF THINGS...
WE WERE BOTH STUBBORN...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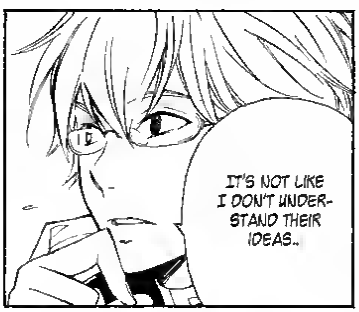
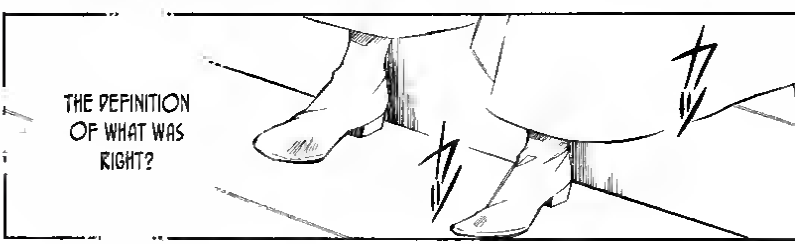

IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T UNDERSTAND THEIR IDEAS..

YOU MEAN, HOW THEY USE THEIR ABILITIES..?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TO PUT IT SIMPLY, DEPENDING ON THEIR WILL, SOMEONE CAN USE THEIR ABILITY FOR HARM OR FOR GOOD.
HUMANS BESTOW THEIR WILL UPON THE LAWS OF THE HUMAN WORLD.
HAVEN'T I ALWAYS BEEN TELLING YOU TO LEARN THE WAY TO USE YOUR ABILITIES IN MY CLASSES?
USING YOUR HEART TO DECIDE WHAT'S RIGHT...
THAT'S WHY IT'S DIFFICULT.

I'M ONLY GOING TO SAY THIS ONCE, SO LISTEN CAREFULLY
sigh
I DON'T LIKE EXERCISE..
TURN RIGHT AT THE NEXT CORNER AND TAKE THE LEFT AT THE SECOND CORNER
!?
THEN TAKE THE RIGHT AT THE VERY NEXT CORNER
FINALLY, TAKE THE LEFT AT THE THIRD CORNER
THE THREE OF THEM WERE SUDDENLY SURROUNDED...?!